# To the Barkisland Urban District Council.

## Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1925.

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GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in submitting my report for the year 1925.

General Statistics :—

Area (acres) 2424.
Population 1582.
Number of inhabited houses, 415.
Rateable Value, £7548 2s. 6d.
Sum represented by a penny rate, £33 2s. 0d.

Extracts from vital statistics of the year :—

Births legitimate total 26—Males 15, Females 11 } Rate 16.4 per 1,000.
Illegitimate nil. }

Deaths total 23—Males 12, Females 11 - Rate 14.5 per 1,000.

Number of women dying in, or in consequence of child-birth, from sepsis 1, from other causes none.

There was one death under one year ; equivalent to an infant mortality of 38.4 per 1000 births, the average for the past five years being 55.5 per 1,000 births.

The average death-rate for the past five years has been 12.64 per 1,000 ; and the average birth-rate for the same period has been 18 per 1,000.

The deaths occurred in the following age-groups—under 1 year 1, 5 to 15 years 1, 15 to 25 years 1, 25 to 65 years 10, 65 years and upwards 10, the oldest age at death being 86 years.

**Causes of the Deaths.**—There has not been a death from any of the principal Zymotic diseases, or Pulmonary Tuberculosis. There were four from Cancer, one from accident, one from suicide, and the others do not call for any comment. During the past five years the number of deaths from Cancer has been eight, and for the same period there have been two from Pulmonary and one from Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis. All the deaths were certified.

**Infectious Diseases' (Notification) Act.**—Only one case reported during the year, viz,—Erysipelas. For the past five years the total notifications have been 34,—21 from Scarlet Fever, 6 from Tuberculosis, 4 from Anthrax, 2 from Diphtheria, and 1 from Erysipelas.

**Water Supply.**—The public supply is popular, and every year there are connections. No complaints have been received of the pollution or failure of any private supply.

**Scavenging.**—There have been no conversions to the water-carriage system. There have been no complaints as to irregularity in the emptying of the Ashpits.

**Factories and Workshops.**—There has been an absence of industrial disease among the operatives. Ventilation, lighting, and cleanliness are satisfactory.

**Housing and Town Planning**—Two houses have been built, and a building converted into two houses, but there have been none erected by the Council. During the year circulars were distributed to ascertain the demand for new houses, and there was only one applicant. However, in my opinion, new scullery houses might attract tenants who now occupy houses not reasonably fit for habitation.

**Dairies and Cowsheds.**—Your Inspector has seen to the general cleanliness, but improvements to buildings are rarely carried out. Very shortly new regulations will be issued regarding cleanliness in milk production. The public, when it buys milk, has a right to insist that it shall be pure. As a nation, we drink far less milk than we ought to do in the interests of health and physique, and probably a reason for this is undoubtedly the distrust with which milk has been regarded. Increased consumption will follow when it is known that milk is produced and handled in the cleanest possible manner. Interest in this subject is gaining ground, and producers also should get interested. Veterinary inspection of cattle will be much stricter under the new regulations.

A sum of £226 13s. 6d. has been paid out in Poor Law relief, and during the past five years the Public Vaccinator has performed 12 vaccinations.

The services of the District Nurse have proved very beneficial to the district.

I am glad to report that the inhabitants avail themselves of the Dispensary and the Maternity and Child Welfare Centre at Sowerby Bridge.

I had the pleasure of giving the Health Lecture at the two Elementary Schools.

The Infants' Department of the Barkisland Ripponden National Schools was closed on three occasions during the year, owing to epidemics of Chicken-pox, Measles, and Whooping Cough.

I have attached tables C. and D.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

*JOHN HOYLE, M.B.*

MAY 10th, 1926.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE WEST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE.

# TABLE C.

Year 1925.

Barnsley Sanitary District.

## NUISANCE INSPECTIONS.

Total No. of Inspections made in 1925, **for Nuisances only** 165
(For Housing Inspections see Table D).

Nuisances reported in 1925 19
Nuisances in hand, end of 1924 1

Total needing abatement 20
Abated during 1925 16
Outstanding end of 1925 4

Notices served, Informal 18 Complied with 16
" " Statutory 1 " "

Total number of Summonses or other legal proceedings none

Filthy Houses, Cleansing of none Any notices served under Sec. 46 of P.H.A. 1875 (or any other Act)?

| Regulated Buildings, Trades, &c. | No. in District | No. on Register | Total No. of Inspections made | General Condition | Legal Proceedings (if any) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Common Lodging Houses** | nil | | | | |
| **Houses let in Lodgings** | " | | | | |
| **Canal Boats** .. | " | | | | |
| **Knackers Yards** .. | " | | | | |
| **Tents, Vans & Sheds** | " | | | | |
| **Offensive Trades** .. (Please specify kind). | " | | | | |

Have the Council declared any other processes to be offensive trades? no

## DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Developments during 1925? 132 yds of sewerage, Hunt Bearat, Hesmith, Speeton & Hall Roe

Developments still needed as to (*a*) Want of sewers none

(*b*) Improvement of defective sewers none

Sewage Disposal Works (*a*) Any inadequacy no

(*b*) Any complaints no

Any sink wastes still needing disconnection? yes

## CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

No. of Privies with open middens 20 No. of Pail or Tub Closets 76

" " with covered middens 26 No. of Water Closets 68 Waste-water Closets 14

" " re-constructed during 1925—(*a*) as w.c.'s none (*b*) other

No. of *additional* Closets provided for old property in 1925—(*a*) w.c.'s none (*b*) other 3

No. of Closets constructed in 1925 for new houses (*a*) w.c.'s 2 (*b*) other none

## SCAVENGING.

Any change during 1925? no

Performed by (*a*) Council no (*b*) Contractor no (*c*) Owners or Occupiers yes

How is refuse disposed of? No. of loads to (*a*) Destructor (*b*) Tips
(*c*) Farmers yes Total annual cost £ nil

Is there any inadequacy, and where? no

Any utilization of waste material? no If so, what?

## WATER SUPPLY.

Any developments during 1925? 5 additional users of public supply

Restricted in any way? no If so, No. of days? Hours of day when cut off?

Any general insufficiency, and where? no

Any action in regard to unsatisfactory quality, and where? no

Any new sources added? no Any disused sources re-used? no

**MILK SUPPLY.**

Are Two Registers being kept as required by Section 2 (3) of the 1922 Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act? Yes
(*a*) For Retailers. Yes (*b*) For Cow-keepers or Wholesale Traders. Yes.

Have any Licences been granted under the Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act, 1922, to distributors of:—
"Certified" milk ..... no ..... "Grade A" ..... no ..... "Grade A (Tuberculin Tested)" ..... no .....
"Grade A (Pasteurised)" ..... no ..... "Pasteurised" ..... no .....

Have you had samples of Graded Milk tested? Give No. and kind ..... no ..... Results .....

Have any retailers been removed from the Register? ..... no .....

No. of samples taken by Officers of S.A. for analysis under F. & D. Acts ..... none ..... No. adulterated .....

No. " " " for bacteriological examination ..... none .....

What arrangement for periodical Veterinary Inspection of dairy cows? ..... none .....

Any instance of disease attributed to milk in 1925? ..... no .....

No. of Milk Cows kept in District ..... 350 approximately.

No. of Cowkeepers in district producing and selling milk ..... 36 ..... No. Registered ..... 36 .....

No. of Retail Milk Sellers who are also Cowkeepers ..... 36 ..... No. who are Milk Retailers only ..... none ..... Total No. of Retail Milk Sellers Regt'd ..... 28 .....

Total No. of Cowsheds ..... 87 ..... Total No. of Inspections in 1925 ..... 82 ..... { Cowkeepers ..... 82 ..... Retailers .....

Date of Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Regulations? ..... Any Legal Action? .....

Any Inspection or other action by Districts to which Milk is sent? ..... no .....

**OTHER FOODS.** No. of samples (other than Milk) taken by Officer of S.A. for examination under the Food and Drugs Acts in 1925 ..... none ..... No. adulterated .....

Any special examination of Milk for Dirt? ..... no .....

No. of seizures of unsound food ..... none ..... Kind and quantity ..... No. of Prosecutions .....

Any Public Abattoir? ..... none ..... What accommodation? .....

No. of Slaughterhouses ..... 1 ..... Regt'd ..... 1 ..... Licenced ..... 1 ..... Unsatisfactory, structurally or in bad position? ..... none

No. of times each Slaughterhouse inspected? ..... 33 ..... Total Inspections ..... 33 .....

No. of Prosecutions (*a*) Food and Drugs ..... none ..... (*b*) Unsound Food ..... none ..... (*c*) *re* Slaughter Houses ..... none .....

Bakehouses, No. ..... none ..... Any underground? ..... Total No. of Inspections .....

**SCHOOLS.**—*Statutory Medical Inspection is carried out by the County Education Authority in most of the Districts but that does not relieve the M.O.H. of his duties in regard to sanitation and the prevention of infectious outbreaks in connection with Schools.*

No. of Schools in district ..... 2 ..... No. visited by M.O.H. ..... 2 .....

Action taken ..... closure pro epidemic ..... Schools closed by M.O.H. ..... Infants' department of the Roseland Separate Catholic School

**FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.** (Please attach copies of Home Office Form 572).

No. of Smoke observations taken ..... none ..... No. of Cautions ..... Legal Notices ..... Summonses .....

No. of Workshops ..... 4 ..... No. of times each Workshop inspected ..... 2 ..... Total inspections ..... 8 .....

Any Industrial Welfare Workers appointed ..... no .....

**ADOPTIVE ACTS** in force in District.
(*Please state parts or sections*)

Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act, 1890.
Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890.
Do. Do. 1907. Parts 1.2.3.4 & 5 (Subject to certain exceptions)
Private Street Works Act, 1892.
Public Health Act, 1925.

For Rural Districts { Any Urban Powers obtained in 1925 } .....

**BYELAWS AND REGULATIONS** in force in District. Yes. Sept 11th 1925

| Subject | Date of Approval | Subject | Date of Approval |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cleansing of Footways and Pavements | | Slaughter Houses | |
| Scavenging | | Baths and Wash-Houses | |
| Prevention of Nuisances | | Houses let in Lodgings | |
| Common Lodging Houses | | Cemeteries | |
| New Streets and Buildings | | Mortuaries | |
| Alteration of Buildings | | Offensive Trades | |
| | | Tents, Vans and Sheds | |

Any relaxation of Byelaws under Section 24 of Housing and Town Planning Act, 1919 ..... no .....

**INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.**

Diseases specially prevalent in 1925 ? Chickenpox, measles, whooping cough ... State months March, April, December

Any diseases specially added to notifiable list ? ... no.

Any influences threatening the health of the District ? ... no.

Any undue prevalence of Venereal Diseases ? ... no.

Any prevalence of Jaundice, and at what ages ? ... no.

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**HOSPITALS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.**

(*a*) General : Accident ... Address ... Halifax Royal Infirmary

Children ... " ... " " "

(*b*) Local : Hospital, Cottage ... " ... none.

(*c*) Infectious, General ... " ... Birkhouse & Halifax

Smallpox ... " ... Hillcrest Hey (combined)

(*d*) Maternity ... " ... Halifax Royal Infirmary & St. Luke's Hospital

Any arrangements for nursing Puerperal Fever cases ? ... Yes at St. Luke's Hospital

(*e*) Clinic and Treatment Centre not provided by County Council Scheme ... no.

Whether any other disease (*e.g.* Pneumonia) is treated in Infectious Diseases Hospital ... no

Any change or extension of (*a*) General Infectious Hospital ... no.

(*b*) Smallpox Hospital ... no.

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**TUBERCULOSIS.**—*Procedure by M.O.H. or his staff after notification :—*

(1) Inspection of patient's home and workshop ... Yes (2) Examination for contacts ... Yes.

(3) Is house disinfected ? ... Yes When ? ... generally at death.

(4) Leaflets, Lectures, etc., distributed ... Yes.

(5) Action *re* spitting ... none (6) Is sputum examined apart from Dispensary ? Yes.

(7) Any special procedure adopted in cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis with T.B. in sputum ? ... no.

(8) Are the requirements of Tuberculosis Regulations as to notification observed by general practitioners ? ... Yes.

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**BACTERIOLOGY** (County Laboratory) Any suggestions ? ... no.

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**INFANT MORTALITY.** *Any suggestions ?* ... no.

Any voluntary Centres for Child or Mother Welfare ? ... no.

Causes of any excessive Infant Mortality in 1925 ... none

Supply of Milk to Mothers and Infants. Any action ? ... no.

SUGGESTIONS will be welcomed regarding—(*a*) Maternity and Infant Welfare Schemes ... none

(*b*) Ante-natal Schemes ... none.

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**VITAL STATISTICS.**

No. of Still Births during 1925 ... no record

**Deaths** during 1925—(1) Gross Deaths, *i.e.*, Total actually registered in the District *without any correction* Males ... 10 Females 10

(2) No. of uncertified deaths (included above) ... none

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**MORTUARIES.** What accommodation—

(*a*) for accidents ... none

(*b*) for infectious cases other than at hospital ... none

(*c*) For other purposes ... none

Any suggestions made by M.O.H. ...

**SANITARY STAFF.**

What is the present Annual Salary of the M.O.H. ? £30

| Name of Sanitary Inspector. | Annual Salary as Inspector. | Other appointments held. | Salary for such other appointments |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wm. Hepworth | £90 | Surveyor | £90 |
| | | Assistant Overseer | £20 |
| | | Committee Clerk & Collector | £25 |

Any Assistants ? No.

Is Staff sufficient ? Yes.

Does M.O.H. receive copies of Memos. and Circulars distributed by Ministry of Health : Yes

**CLINICS** Any Suggestions— No.

(*a*) Tuberculosis

(*b*) Venereal Diseases—How advertised and if any difficulty in reaching nearest

(*c*) Child Welfare

(*d*) Ante-Natal

(*e*) School

(*f*) Dental

(*g*) Ophthalmic

**ANY REMARKS as to—**

(*a*) Voluntary Agencies for social betterment None

(*b*) District Nursing Association Joins with Copeland District

(*c*) Any Dispensary No Purpose of

(*d*) Health Visiting (co-operation with local M.O.H.) No

(*e*) Tuberculosis, Home Visiting do. do. and medical attendant No

(*f*) Dental Services No.

(*g*) Midwifery Services One certified midwife

(*h*) Propaganda work *re* Tuberculosis, Child Welfare, or Venereal Diseases None

**HOUSING**—See Table D—but please state No. of Certificates given under Increase of Rent (Restriction) Act, 1920, Sec. 2 (2) None.

**SPECIAL REPORTS AND INVESTIGATIONS ON ANY SUBJECTS.**

None.

**SUPPLEMENTARY REMARKS** as to Sanitary requirements of District, suggestions of M.O.H., and extended notes on any of the foregoing entries.

Conversion of privies midden where practicable to the water carriage system.

Form 572.
Nov., 1925.

This Table is enclosed, by request of the Secretary of State, for the guidance and convenience of Medical Officers of Health in preparing that part of their Annual Report which relates to factories, workshops and workplaces. It is not intended to supersede the fuller statement which is desirable in the text of the Report, but to provide for uniformity in the presentation of certain particulars which lend themselves to statistical treatment.

Further copies can be supplied on application to the Chief Inspector of Factories, Home Office, London, S.W.1.

e.g. Metropolitan Borough. County Borough. Borough, Urban District, Rural District.

# Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1925, for the* Urban District of Barkisland

on the administration of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, in connection with

## FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

### 1.—INSPECTION OF FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

INCLUDING INSPECTIONS MADE BY SANITARY INSPECTORS OR INSPECTORS OF NUISANCES.

| | Premises. (1) | Number of Inspections. (2) | Written Notices. (3) | Occupiers prosecuted. (4) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | Factories ... ... ... ... ... ... (Including Factory Laundries) | 18 | None | None |
| 4 | Workshops ... ... ... ... ... (Including Workshop Laundries) | 8 | None | None |
| None | Workplaces ... ... ... ... ... (Other than Outworkers' premises) | | | |
| | Total ... ... ... | 26 | None | None |

### 2.—DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

| Particulars. (1) | Number of Defects. Found. (2) | Remedied. (3) | Referred to H.M. Inspector. (4) | Number of offences in respect to which Prosecutions were instituted. (5) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Nuisances under the Public Health Acts :—** | | | | |
| Want of cleanliness ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | | | | |
| Want of ventilation ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | | | | |
| Overcrowding ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | | | | |
| Want of drainage of floors ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | | | | |
| Other nuisances ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | Nil | | | |
| Sanitary accommodation — insufficient ... ... ... ... ... | | | | |
| Sanitary accommodation — unsuitable or defective ... ... ... | | | | |
| Sanitary accommodation — not separate for sexes ... ... ... | | | | |
| *Offences under the Factory and Workshop Acts :—* | — | | | |
| Illegal occupation of underground bakehouse (s. 101) ... ... ... | | | | |
| Other offences ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... (Excluding offences relating to outwork and offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories and Workshops Transfer of Powers) Order, 1921.) | | | | |
| Total ... ... ... ... ... | | | | |

*Including those specified in sections 2, 3, 7 and 8 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, as remediable under the Public Health Acts.

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# OUTWORK IN UNWHOLESOME PREMISES. SECTION 108.

| NATURE OF WORK. | Instances. | Notices served. | Prosecutions. |
|---|---|---|---|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| Wearing Apparel— | nil. | | |
| Making, &c. ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | | | |
| Cleaning and washing ... ... ... ... ... | | | |
| Household linen ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | | | |
| Lace, lace curtains and nets ... ... ... ... ... | | | |
| Curtains and furniture hangings... ... ... ... ... | | | |
| Furniture and upholstery ... ... ... ... ... ... | | | |
| Electro-plate... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | | | |
| File making ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | | | |
| Brass and brass articles ... ... ... ... ... ... | | | |
| Fur pulling ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | | | |
| Cables and chains ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | | | |
| Anchors and Grapnels ... ... ... ... ... ... | | | |
| Cart gear ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | | | |
| Locks, latches and keys ... ... ... ... ... ... | | | |
| Umbrellas, &c. .. ... ... ... ... ... ... | | | |
| Artificial flowers ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | | | |
| Nets, other than wire nets ... ... ... ... ... | | | |
| Tents ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | | | |
| Sacks ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | | | |
| Racquet and tennis balls ... ... ... ... ... ... | | | |
| Paper, etc., boxes, paper bags ... ... ... ... ... | | | |
| Brush making ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | | | |
| Pea picking ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | | | |
| Feather sorting ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | | | |
| Carding, &c., of buttons, &c. ... ... ... ... ... | | | |
| Stuffed toys ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | | | |
| Basket making ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | | | |
| Chocolates and sweetmeats ... ... ... ... ... | | | |
| Cosaques, Christmas crackers, Christmas stockings, &c. ... | | | |
| Textile weaving ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | | | |
| TOTAL ... ... ... | | | |

(*Signature*) [illegible]

*Medical Officer of Health.*

*Date* May 10th 1925

NOTE.—The Factory and Workshop Act, 1901 (s. 132), requires the Medical Officer of Health in his Annual Report to the District Council to report specifically on the administration of that Act in workshops and workplaces, and to send a copy of his Annual Report, or so much of it as deals with this subject, to the Secretary of State (Home Office). If the Annual Report is presented otherwise than in print, it is unnecessary to include in the copy sent to the Home Office the portions which do not relate to factories, workshops, workplaces or homework.

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# Urban District Council

# ANNUAL REPORT

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